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For: **METHOD OF CONTROLLING
STRIATION AND CD LOSS IN CONTACT
OXIDE ETCH**

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Madame/Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, before "Field of the Invention," please insert --*This application is a continuation of the Application Serial No. 09/292,393, filed on April 15, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference.*--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-91.

Please add the following new claims: